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TREASON, "LIBERALS," AND THE COURT

Quite a few readers ask about those two young Americans who recently defected to Soviet Russia. They were, as you know, employed by the National Security Agency, a government bureau which is so highly secret that its employees are not even supposed to admit they work there. Fortunately, several congressional committees are probing the circumstances of this treason. But people want to know: How did it happen? Why, after all our past experiences, is it still pos-

sible for such traitors to get jobs in the government?

Now there are several important points about this incident. The first is that it was shocking to find two Americans going over to the Soviet slave regime, but their treason was nothing compared to the number of persons - thousands upon thousands - who have run from the Red utopias at the risk of their lives. We can still be proud that the call of freedom is much greater than the call of communism.

The second point is that a great deal of the blame for incidents like this falls directly on the shoulders of our so-called 'liberals,' including certain sections of the American press, radio, television, to say nothing of certain politicians. They should have bent every effort to rid the government service of all possible security risks. They should have done everything in their power to keep new risks out of government jobs. Instead, they tried to build up the fiction that a government job is some kind of 'right' which must never be denied to Reds, pro-Reds, drunkards, degenerates and any other peculiar character who comes along. In the process, these stupid dogooders turned all the forces

of vilification not against America's enemies, but against men like Martin Dies, Joe McCarthy, Robert Morris, J. Edgar Hoover, Francis Walter and all others whose only crime was that they wanted to protect America from its would-be enemies.

The third point is that the Warren Supreme Court must face a great deal of the blame for the presence of these termites in our government. Various government bureaus actually fired an estimated 1,000 security risks. But as a result of decisions by the Warren Court they all got their jobs back! Perhaps the Martin-Mitchell treason will have one good result - if it finally forces us to deal with this packed Supreme Court.

OLD TRICKS

With the public schools all over the country now open again, this is a good time to look at a rather peculiar incident. It involves a great educational organization called the National Education Association. I have talked about the National Education Association on several occasions, usually not very favorably. But I want it un-

derstood that I am not carrying on a vendetta against this group. However, the National Education Association, or NEA as it is known, is a very powerful organization. It is supposed to represent nearly a million school teachers. These teachers pay dues to the NEA. The NEA uses this money for many worthy purposes. But it also

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uses it to lobby before Congress for federal aid to education - which means federal control of education. The NEA has a right to do this of course. But its ruling hierarchy may be generally said to be on the so-called 'liberal' side and, in the field of education, on the side of those modern educationists who have done so much harm in our schools.

However, this too is within the rights of NEA, though it is suspected it is contrary to the desires of a great many fine American teachers who supply NEA with its funds. But it is NEA's manner of fighting those who disagree with it which is most peculiar, particularly for an educa-

tional organization with presumably high ethical standards. Sometime ago I told you about NEA's method of replying to the charges in a widely circulated and popular pamphlet called *What's Happened to Our Schools?* This was a startling and documented expose. It was published by America's Future, Inc. NEA did not answer the charges publicly. Nor did it object directly to the author and publisher so they would have a chance to reply - in the American tradition of free speech. Instead NEA took another course which I can only describe as somewhat sneaky. It wrote letters to influential individuals and organizations in the educational field. These letters were full of misstatements, smears and even outright falsehoods. And then, believe it or not, it wound up the letters by warning their recipients not to write to the author of the pamphlet!

Well, I am sorry to say that the NEA is up to its old tricks again. In order to describe its current peculiar method of answering its critics, I must give you a little background. Several years ago America's Future, Inc., which is a non-profit

educational organization, became disturbed over a singular fact. There was a great deal of evidence that many of the textbooks used in the high schools - especially in the so-called social sciences field - were slanted, inadequate or downright useless. But there was no authoritative,

objective source to which parents, teachers, school-boards and others could go for an evaluation of the texts used in local schools. So America's Future organized a distinguished group of educators into the Textbook Evaluation Committee. Their job is to review high-school texts.

SALT NEA LIBERALLY

This excellent service has now provided reviews of close to a hundred high-school texts. It is continuing its worthy task, and has been wholeheartedly welcomed by all those truly interested in the improvement of American schools. Of course it is possible to disagree with some of the reviews, despite the distinguished character of the members of the Textbook Evaluation Committee. And I suppose it was to be expected that the National Education Association would disagree with them, since they are written from the standpoint of a belief in individualism, constitutional government and a free-enterprise economy. But instead of voicing its objections directly to the Textbook Evaluation Committee or to the individual reviewers, what does NEA do?

As nearly as I can make out, it is evidently issuing some kind of warning to publishers, in the hope that they will reply - not to the Textbook Evaluation Committee, but to NEA. What NEA does with these replies, I do not yet know. Of course, the publishers of these texts quite naturally would be expected to defend their products. And I am happy to say that at least one publisher has a greater sense of fairness than NEA. He sent a copy of his reply to NEA to the Textbook Evaluation Committee. This particular incident involved two textbooks. NEA told the publisher that the Textbook Evaluation Committee had given unfavorable reviews to both books. Actually, one of the reviews - by the famous teacher and author Dr. Russell Kirk - was much more

favorable than unfavorable. As to the other book, the Textbook Evaluation Committee had not yet reviewed it. The Committee was amazed to find NEA passing along the contents of a review which had not yet been written! America's Future and the Committee are still trying to discover where and how and why NEA attributed to the Textbook

Evaluation Committee a review which it had not prepared. When and if they find out, I will let you know.

Meantime, may I suggest that American teachers, parents, citizens generally - including textbook publishers - take with a great big grain of salt anything which comes from the National Education Association? - John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 9/18/60

Book Review RUSSIA AS IS

THE FUTURE IS OURS, COMRADE
by Joseph Novak, 286 pages,
Doubleday, N.Y., \$3.95.

Joseph Novak is not his real name. He is, or was, an official of one of the Red captive nations. He was sent to the Soviet Union (he speaks Russian fluently) with practical *carte blanche* to live and move among the Russian people. His book is thus a revealing human document - and a warning. It is one of the most revealing we have had on intimate details of the daily life of citizens of the socialist state brought to the nth degree. As such, it ought to be read by all 'liberals,' labor leaders, American left-

wingers, and advocates of state planning. But it should also be read by all other Americans for its insight into how Russians live (mostly in the streets because housing is so impossible), the big part played by payola and bribery in the "workers' paradise," the average Russian's reaction to the secret police and the sudden disappearance of friends, relatives and co-workers.

Not the least important and titilating section of Mr. Novak's story is the inside dope on Russian tourists who make up the fodder of those much-touted 'cultural exchanges.' They are always

kept under severe scrutiny. Every place they visit in the United States or other western countries is not only pre-arranged, but situations and incidents are carefully fixed to give them the worst possible impression of the people and land to which they are welcomed. Some of the fixes are farcically malignant in their ingenuity.

Despite the seeming misery, the overriding fear, the deadening conformity (to westerners) of life in Soviet Russia, the author does not see the mass of the Russian people as either discontented or ready to rebel. This is somewhat contrary to what other close observers have

found, and it may be that Novak, because of his own background, has gone a bit off the beam here. On the other hand, this is also why his book is a warning - a warning that the diabolical Red leaders actually may have instilled in their slaves a conviction that in reality 'the future is ours, comrade.' They will, of course, need more than conviction in light of the picture the people themselves here give of their lives. But conviction, after all, is a major ingredient of the will to win. Is our own conviction, in the worth of freedom and the willingness to defend it, as great or greater? - *Rosalie Gordon*

WORSE THAN WAR

"Yes, there is something worse than an atom bomb: the abject fear of it.

"Enemies want us to believe that they have a secret weapon - a gas which saps men's strength and willpower, leaving them no courage to fight, no desire to resist.

"It is true - Russia has such a weapon - *fear*. Fear of Russia's nuclear bombs and missiles has turned too many Americans into cowards and appeasers. They cry that anything would be better than atomic death...Would it - would slavery?

"'Give me liberty or give me death' was the courage that created and built America. We need to remember it and revive it. The courage of character can make us safer than all the shelters in the world - safer and happier, because we would have self-respect.

"Appeasers can never become anything but serfs. Would such

a life be worth living for anyone who calls himself an American? Worse than war is the fear of it. Fear and fearful people deserve no place in this country."

- from an advertisement of Warner & Swasey, Cleveland, O.

A LOT OF HOGWASH

"We hear a lot of hogwash about big business killing little business. As a matter of fact it is 'big government' with its confiscatory taxes, that takes the heart out of both big business and little business.

"Taxes have retarded or prevented investments in industry, with resulting lost employment. Government-owned business projects put both big business and little business out of business and destroy savings.

"Federally socialized industry is today's menace to individual opportunity, employment and representative government."

- Arlington (Tex.) JOURNAL

A BOOK NOTE

We are happy to report a bit of book news which we suspect belongs in the realm of the fabled poetic justice. Despite its seemingly forced (weeks after publication) and unfavorable review of Barry Goldwater's magnificent book *THE CONSCIENCE OF A CONSERVATIVE*, the N.Y. Times Sunday Book Review

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